



# FOREWORD

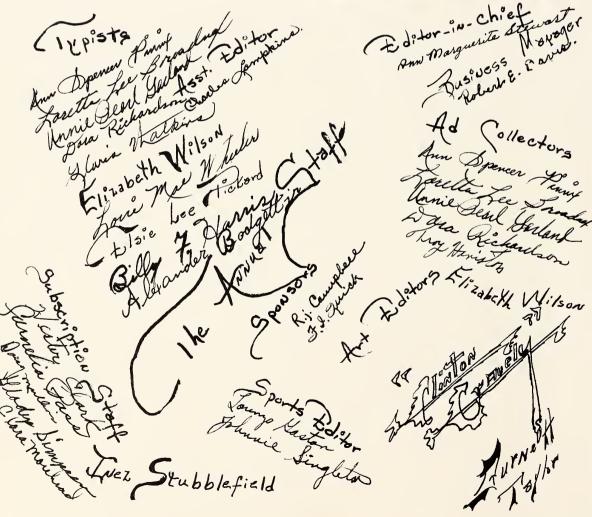
Looking forward to the rise of a greater Booker T. Washington High School; looking backward to note how far down the road of progress we have come; erecting a monument to those few years of our lives which we have spent in high school, to the cherished memories which will never be paralleled; pausing for a while to view as a whole the many activities of the school; serving as a tug-of-war between right and wrong is on the side of right. In this list, our aims in compiling the 1953 PIONEER receive full expression.

Tennyson said in one of his writings that, "The old order changeth yielding place to new;" there fore we find that the time has come, when we must move on, and give our places to others, others who will, we hope, set their goal higher than ours, and thereby do better and more constructive work.

We close our high school career with regret; I say with regret because the time is at hand when that chain of friendship which has been so strongly welded together must be torn asunder. Though some of us may enteruniversities in the narrow sense of the word, we all enter the university of the world, guided by the teachings of this our Alma Mater. It is our desire, our hope, and our aim, that our help to humanity will be of such a nature that every day of our lives dear old W. H. S. may be able to look upon us with pride, and feel that the four years she spent in molding our lives were not spent in vain.

Ann Marqueite Stewart





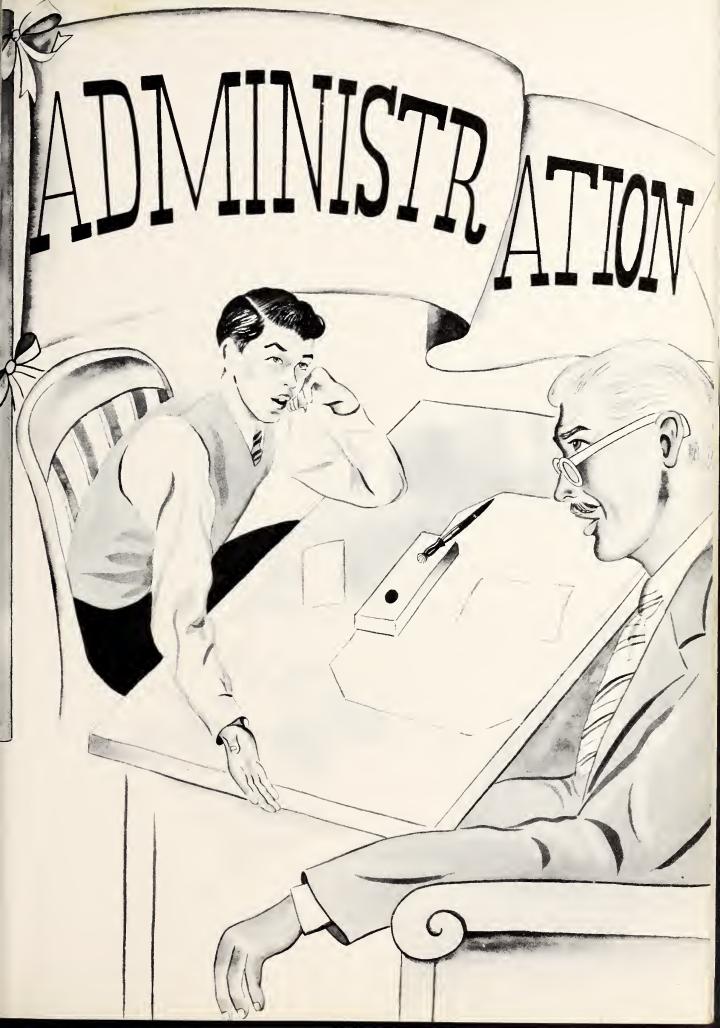
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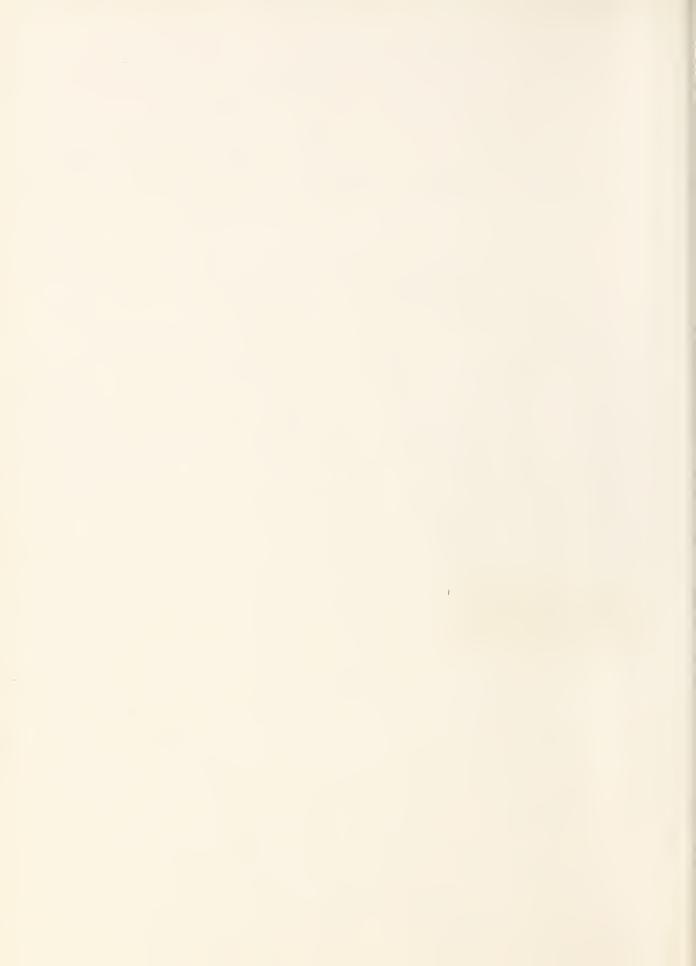


Cr V.F. Perkins ~

To a loyal friend and counselor- who has helped and encouraged us-and whose forthrightness and generosity have left an enduring impression on our lives, we affectionately dedicate the 1953 Pioneer.







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W.G. Grogan New member of School Board



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## PRINCIPAL



### Dear Seniors:

As you leave us, you carry our best wishes for success and happiness. Remember that we will get out of life what we put in it. Hard work, cooperation, fair play, honesty, and vision are some of the keys to help us get the most out of life.

Yours truly, H.K. Tuggs H. K. Griggs-Principal

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Clinton Gravely	Most Industrious	Geneva Brown
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Dillard Anderson	Most Outstanding	Barbara Graves
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Robert Davis	Most Dignified	Lee Ethel Gravely
Burnett Taylor	Most Conceited	Anna Harris
Burnett Taylor	Most Sophisticated	Anna Harris
Lorenza Gaston	Best Athlete	Elizabeth Wilson
Charles Lampkins	Best Actor (Actress)	Ann Stewart
Lorenza Gaston	Best Dancer	Elizabeth Wilson
Charles Lampkins	Best Singer	Inez Stubblefield
Gene Watkins	Most Business-Like	Barbara Graves
Troy Hairston	Thinnest	Gloria Watkins
Clinton Gravely	Tallest	Hallie Martin
Lorenza Gaston	Biggest Filibuster	Inez Stubblefield
Alexander Badgett	Most Bas'ful	Ernestine Enoch
Charles Lampkins	Neatest	Cornelia Pass
Charles Lampkins	Best Dressed	Loretta Broadnax
George Mullins	Most Talkative	Loretta Broadnax
George Mullins	Most Humurous	Florence McDaniel
Clinton Gravely	Most All-around	Ann Stewart
Troy Hairston	Shortest	Mozelle Blackwell
Alexander Badgett	Quitest	Lee Ethel Gravely
Lorenza Gaston	Biggest Flirt	Edna Coleman

# HISTORY

It is now fifty years since I was a senior at Washington High School. My age has allowed me to retire from the field of medicine. I have no one to entertain me during the day except my two grand-children. As you know young children are very talkative and inquisitive. One day they asked me to tell them a story.

"What shall it be," I replied, "a Bible story, a fairy tale, or a story of history."

The young children began discussing the matter as usual. Suddenly this stimulating query struck my eardrum.

"Grandmother, will you please tell us about your high school days?" Here is the story that I am telling my grandchildren.

In 19/48, we began the school year as inexperienced freshmen, but we began our school work fervently and willingly. Our home room advisors were Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Young, Mrs. Byrd and Mr. Grant. Of course, it made us happy to think that we won first place in the Activity Rally the first year that we were there. It made us even happier to see Shirley Smith and Clinton Gravely crowned Queen and King. The winning of this drive improved our reputation in the eyes of the school but still we were considered green.

In 1949, we began our sophomore year in Washington High School with Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Quick and Mr. Townes as our home room advisors. We had more experience that year than we had during our freshman year so each of us received our schedule and began striving to make good grades. Since we won the Activity Rally the previous year, I am quite certain we were expected to do likewise as sophomores. We did not reach our goal; we received second place. My Dears, in 1999, when you are defeated you are so sad, but we were not. This defeat gave us real courage to try even harder in succeeding years,

The following fall we re-entered school as juniors in a business-like manner. Mrs. Rogers and Miss Campbell were our home room advisors. It was during that year that we contributed a great deal to the reputation and improvement of our new school. Who had more inspiring voices in the Choral club than Charles Lampkins and Gene Watkins? Was there a better star on the football team than Lorenza Gaston? Who could deliver an oration better than Ann Stewart? How many boys or girls tried to prove more faithful to the band than Troy Harriston? In my estimation there was not one....no not one. One of the most outstanding accomplishments during this year was the entertainment of the seniors at our Junier——Senior Prom. We turned over a new leaf by not inviting the underclassmen. There were some sad faces...no freshmen...no sophmores. But still our prom was a success.

"We are near the ocean; will we cross over", was the thought of most of the seniors as we began striving very hard to reach our goal. Our advisors were Miss Campbell and Mr. Quick, who were always reminding us to build our personality on a solid foundation. By classmates and I realized that time and tide wait for no man; there fore, we began working on our annual, ordering our rings and receiving our parts in the play as soon as we were able to make the proper adjustments. When graduation night came we were all happy, although we did not want to depart from our loyal friends, because we felt as though we had striven to do our best; and therefore, we were receiving our diplomas honestly.

"This is all, but there is one thing that I would like to add concerning punctuality. Listen closely 'my dears', if you ever write a term paper or make a survey, make certain you begin in time to finish whenever you are required to do so."

"Thank you grand mother. May we go to see our friend in the hospital after we finish feeding the fish."

"Yes, you may and if you see my former nurse, Miss Moore, or any of my other friends tell them that I said please stop at 15523 Information Street, Rockingham County or tell them to come next door to my former office which my son and daughter now occupy."

I shall not say good - bye but so-long until we meet again.

Barbara Avetta Graves, Historian

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By some trick of fate, I was chosen to write the class prophecy. At first, the fact did not worry me at all. You see I am generally considered a good guesser, and a fair prophet with a highly imaginative mind. However I deemed it highly necessary to purchase a crystal, guranteed to solve my problems. Taking the precious crystal up to my room and locking my door so as to be sure of no interruptions, I began the most interesting and amazing hour of my life. At first, I was almost afraid to look, but finally I gained courage, gazed into the crystal and this is what I saw. A certain young gentleman who impressed me as being very intellectual was the pilot who made headlines in pilotinga ram jet which flew up to 3000 miles per hour. I soon-recognized him as Dillard Anderson.

There was, however, an enormous building which I observed as an Employment office. Here, I viewed Marguerite Richardson as head stenographer and under her supervision, but rising fast, some more of my classmates who were honored as being the most competent staff of the country: Flina Abbot, Cornelia Abbot, Mozelle F. Blackwell, Cozetta Berger, Hallie Martin and Ann Pinnix

When Alexander Badgett was in school he always said that he was going to be a Captain in the army but I think he under estimated himself for he is now a general! I was beginning to fear the crystal, as if it were some ominous object that I should never have bought. Nevertheless, I decided to be a witness of any further information it might give.

The next scene pictured the most prominent street in Washington, D. C. I saw myself inquiring at a desk, and to my amazement the superintendent of the nurses was Alice Badgett. I was further informed that on the staff also were Daisy Mullins, Richetta Moore, Susie Morehead, Gladys Simpson, Gladys Williams, Amy Broadnax, and Hessie Harrison. On the medical staff there were two eminent physicians, both graduates of W. H. S., class of 1953.

They were Charles Lampkins and Barbara Graves. I was also informed that Loretta Broadnax was a Pediatrician; that Anna Banks Harris was a Laboratory Technician, and that Dora Richardson was the Dietitian.

The next scene was a high school and in it I saw Geneva Brown, Thurman Harrison, Billy F. Harris and Johnnie Singleton as physical education Directors. Teaching in the elementary department I saw Lee Ethel Gravely, Annie Pearl Garland and Alma Jones, In the home economics department I saw Ada Hooper. Florence McDaniel and Irva Graves were Commerical Education instructors. I saw Ann Stewart as the librarian. Burnett Taylor was the band director. I next viewed myself going into a beauty salon where some hair stylists who had taken their training in Paris were employed; They were Thelma Johnson, Juanita Pankey, Cornelia Pass, Inez Stubblefield, Gloria Watkins, Hester Clark and Ernestine Enoch.

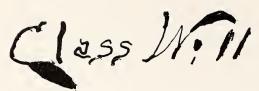
I saw a shingle hanging on a building with the names Wilma Jones, Lorenza Gaston, Clinton Gravely, and Troy Hairston as attorneys at law.

I saw myself conversing with a priest who to my surprise was Robert Davis. A large department store appeared and as a designer Lovie Wheeler was employed, and as a seamstress, Clara Morehead. John Crisp was the country's greatest sportsman who was having his car overhauled at a garage by Curtis Anderson, the head mechanic.

I dared not hope for more after having seen so much but I really would like to get a faint idea of what my future would be. There was no way of urging the crystal to move faster so I was compelled to wait. Slowly and vividly came a change of scenes which caused me to hold my breath. I soon recognized myself as a librarian in elementary school. I was glad to learn something about myself and was wishing for more when the workings of my crystal came to a standstill I realized that I had seen a glimpse of the future.

Our inevitable destiny was before us; it was within our power to attain that eminence in life so eagerly sought by all my classmates.

The Senior Class of 53' Elsie L. Pickard, Soothsayer



We, the graduating class of 1953 of the Booker T. Washington High School in the city of Reidsville, state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, and undoubtedly the liveliest and the sweetest class ever to pass through the doors of this great institution of learning, do make and declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our principal, we leave our gratitude and best wishes for the continuation of prosperity of our dear Alma

Mater.

To our faculty, we leave our deepest appreciation for their helpful guidance and best wishes for continued growth of their leadership, interest, and understanding of the students.

To our school, we leave our treasured memories, loyal-

ty, and ardent affection

To the Juniors, we leave the many responsibilities of seniors, and the grand old feeling of being called seniors, and our triumphant exit.

To the Sophomores, we leave determination, and newer

and greater problems to solve.

To the Freshmen, we leave our loyalty, dependability and best wishes for a good high school career.

We also wish to make the following bequests a part of this will:

Dora Richardson's position on the Ton Staff to Airlene Smith.

Ann Pinnix's stoutness to Iris Jumper.

Annie Pearl Garland's slimness to Ruby Austin.

Gloria Watkins! slimness to Mable Washington.

Elsie Pickard's ability to express herself to Clarina Motley.

 ${\tt Elizabeth}$  Wilson's position on the basketball team to Carolyn Crawford.

Billy Harris' ability to play baseball to James Thomas.

George Mullins luck to William Thompkins.

Irva Graves' ability to finish school to Marcellus Lambert.

Bettie Mae Vaughn's weight to Rose Vaughn.

Geraldine Kaylor's ability to come to school everyday to Laura Allen.

Cornelia Abbott's ability to finish school to Virginia Abbott.

Ann Stewart's ability to produce a smile in a flash to Octavia McIntyre.

Dillard Anderson's position in the Grown and Scepter Club to Saundra Bolden.

Geneva Brown's ability to study to James Brown.

John Crisp's ability to play baseball to General Scales.

Alexander Badgett's ability to type to Charlotte Harrison.

Cozetta Berger's seat in the senior class to Juanita Crisp.

Inez Stubblefield's legs to Lois Kellum.

Ernestine Enoch's seat in the senior class to William (Bill) Thompkins.

Edna Coleman's ability to sing to Doris Siddle.

Gladys Williams' social manners to Dorthy Hardin.

Cornelia Pass' ability to come to school neat to Ruby Johnson.

Thelma Johnson's seat in the senior class to Vivian Jones.

Juanita Pankey's seat in typing class to Naomi Mills.

Alice Badgett's hair style to Hannie Mae Lee.

Lovie Wheeler's position on the annual staff to Louise Martin.

Gladys Simpson's slimness to Barbara Washington.

Marguerite Richardson's weight to Octavia McIntyre.

Doris Goodman's ability to get Physics to Carolyn Brown.

Johnnie Singleton's position on the football team to Virgie Singleton.

Robert Davis' position in the senior class to Claude Davis.

Charles Lampkins' ability to attract the attention of girls without putting on a high show to Fred Courts.

Loretta Broadnax wills her daily attendance to Josephus Bell.

Lee Ethel Gravely's quietness to Mae Lois Millner.

Troy Hairston's ability to play the mellophone to Glem Gwynn.

Anna Banks Harris! daily attendance to Howard Broadnax.

Clinton Gravely's women to James Broadnax.

Barbara Graves' position on the Student Council to Earnest Blackewell.

Hallie Martin's height to Mellzetta Graves.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said class of "53", we hereunto sign our names as witnesses:

Witnesses: Ann Stewart, George Mullins, Ann Pinnix, Clinton Gravely and Dora Richardson.

Executor: Charles Venturri Lampkins

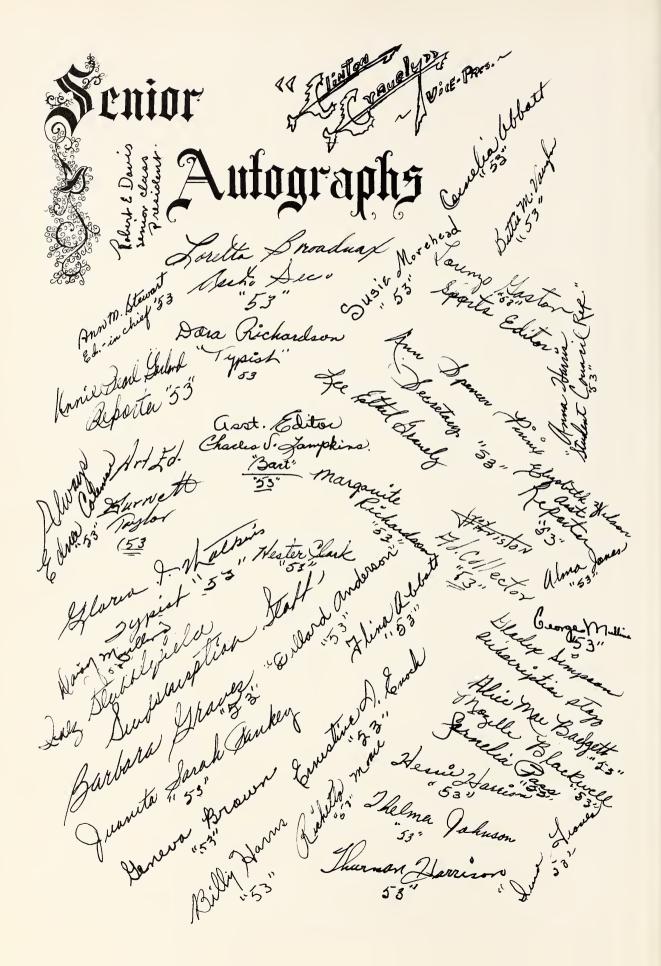
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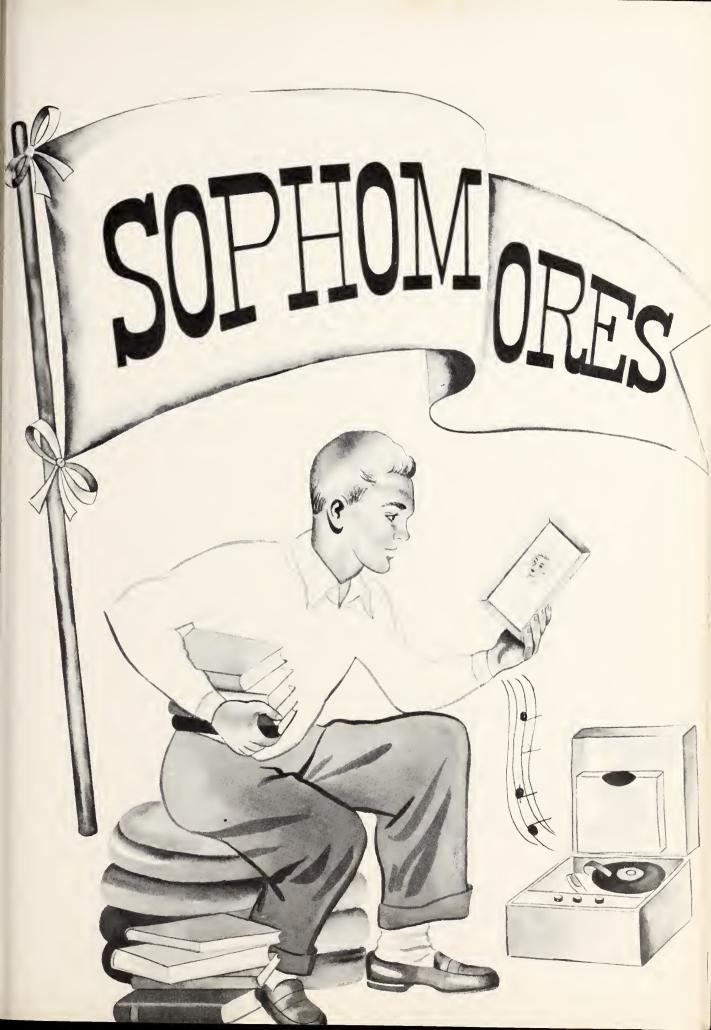


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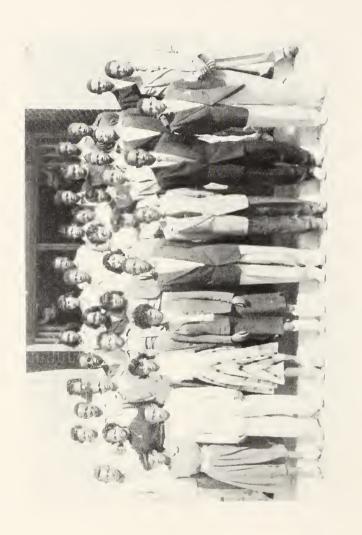




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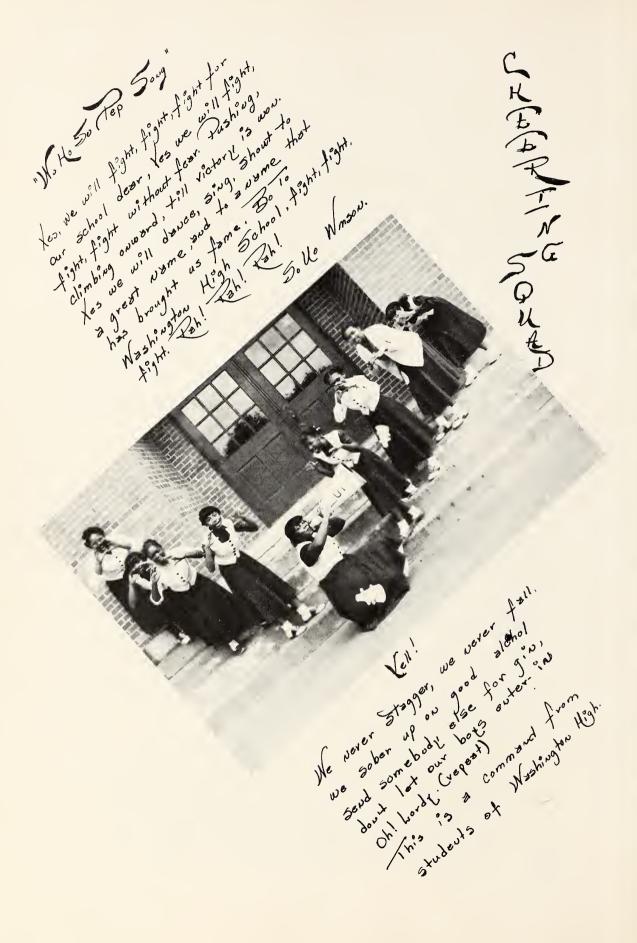


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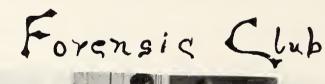














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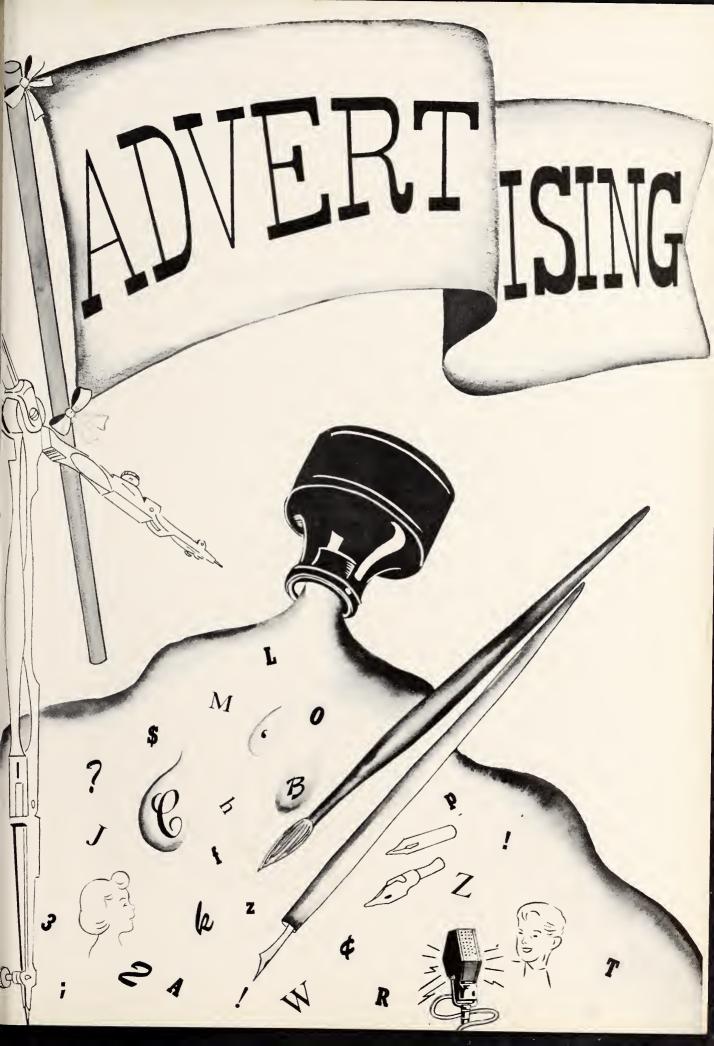


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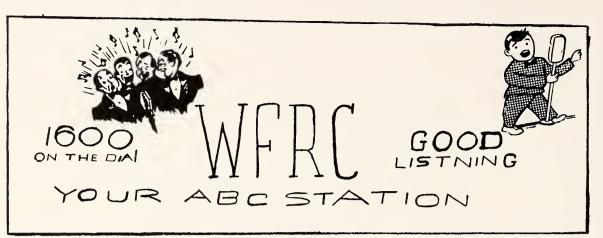
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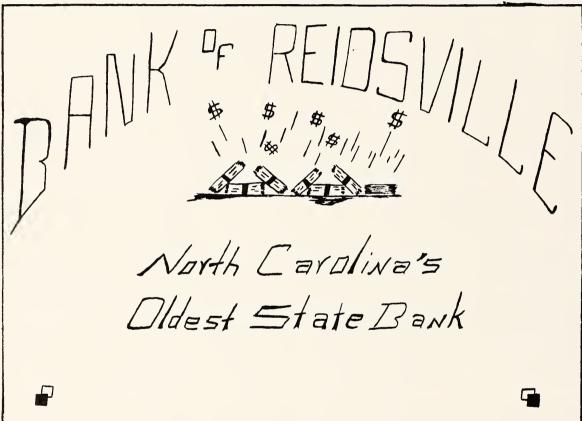
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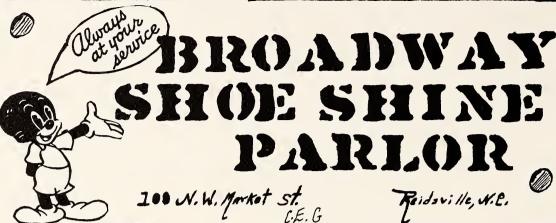
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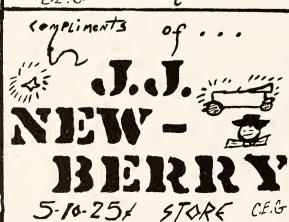
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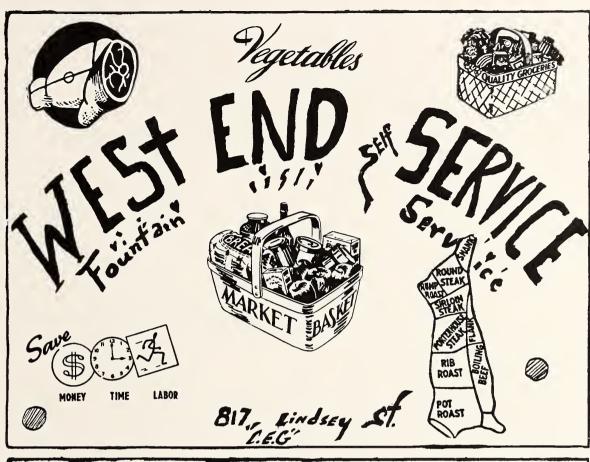
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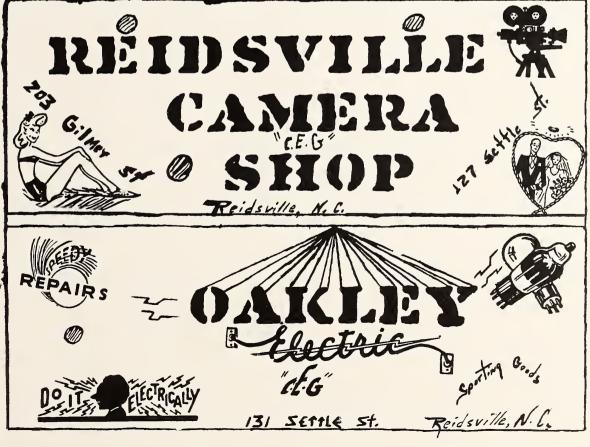
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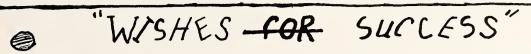
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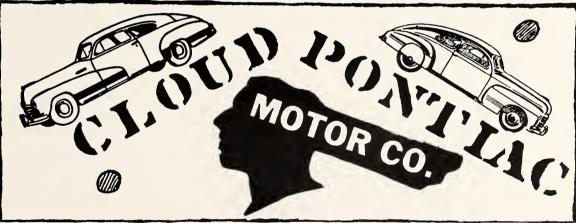


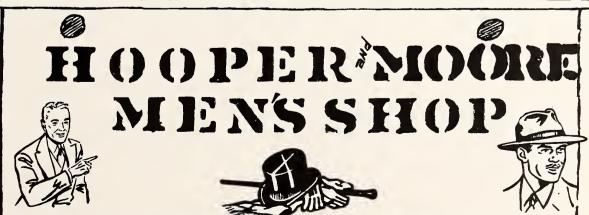
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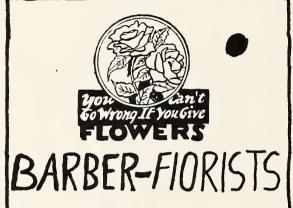








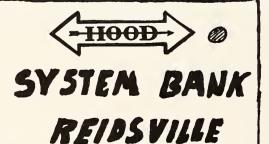




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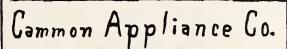
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